

PANACA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

October 19, 2009
Commission Chambers
Lincoln County Courthouse
181 Main Street
Pioche, Nevada

Trustees

Paul Mathews, Chair
Bill Lloyd, Vice Chair
Tommy Rowe
Ronda Hornbeck
Ed Higbee

#1-CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The Board met in regular session with Chairman Paul Mathews calling the meeting to order at 10:03. Clerk Lisa Lloyd called the roll with Trustees Tommy Rowe, Ronda Hornbeck, Paul Mathews, Ed Higbee and Bill Lloyd being present. There is a quorum and the agenda was posted on 10-13-09 to comply with the open meeting law. Harry Birkmier is present.

#2-MINUTES

Ronda made a motion to approve the September 21, 2009 minutes; seconded by Ed. All voted in favor.

#3-DEPARTMENT REPORT

Harry presented a written report. Harry attended the Nevada Wildland-Urban Interface Fire Summit in Reno on October 5-7. LC had 9 representatives there from the fire safe councils and those who are interested in starting their own chapters. Harry believes Panaca should open a Fire Safe Council chapter (FSC). The FSC doesn't have anything to do with the county; it's made of citizens who are interested in making their communities safer. Classes have begun for the "F" endorsement and "Class B" licensing. One person will take the written test this week and several more will take the test on November 4. All of the written testing will be done in Ely. The inspection and driving test for the "F" endorsement will take place in Caliente. PFD would like to reimburse those that are testing. Harry has requested a check for the final payment of Panaca's portion of the new fire trucks (\$15,000). This will be drawn and held in the Treasurer's office until it's needed. Final paperwork from USDA should be completed this week and the funds (\$50,000 grant and \$25,000 loan) will be deposited in PFD account. It is unknown how long it will take USDA to finish but Harry would like to have the new trucks here by the end of this month. PFD will be commencing CPR recertification on 10-21. The recertification and full classes for First Responders will be held on October 26 and November 2. All LC Emergency Responders are invited. The classes are being sponsored by NV Division of Forestry; Aaron Boyce and the LC Sheriff's Office set the classes up. The annual Chili Cook-Off will be held on October 31st at 12:00 p.m. Proceeds will be donated to Val Bradshaw of Caliente and John Settles of Panaca. Everyone is welcome. Ronda reminded Harry to take out the department's expenses prior to disbursing the rest of the proceeds. PFD Christmas dinner is scheduled for December 5 at 6:00 p.m.; it's open to everyone. PFD has received several requests for permits to do open burning. Currently, there is no formal process in place to handle these requests. Some of the requests came from Scout groups and are for small campfires. Harry has given permission for the Scouts to have their small fires. Many other folks aren't aware of the "Burn Ordinance", or, if they are, they're ignoring it.

#4- VOUCHERS

Ed made a motion to approve the vouchers; seconded by Bill. All voted in favor.

#5-CONCERNS/AGREEMENTS WITH LINCOLN COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT

Ronda addressed the fact that no agreements have been signed. Ronda requested that Harry make certain that these agreements be put in place and signed as there have already been two fire departments. Fire Chief Kerry Lee cited there are things in the agreement that aren't good. It is difficult when the Commissioners are the same board for both PFD and LC Fire District. Kerry has worked with Rick Stever, LCFD Fire Chief, to make this a better agreement. Kerry noted that the agreement was written as a county wide agreement, not an individual agreement between LCFD and PFD. The way the agreement is written it super cedes the agreements they have within their own fire districts. Kerry will work with Rick to make the necessary changes. Harry suggested that LCFD could sign the existing agreement that will include fuel issues. Right now there are separate agreements between all of the fire departments. Harry asked why LCFD couldn't sign the agreement they already have. No answer is given and it is decided to put this item on the next agenda.

#6-PAYMENT FOR NEW FIRE TRUCKS

Fire Chief Kerry Lee commented there is a possibility they will have to request a special meeting to pay the USDA's portion of the bill. Ronda asked the District Attorney if this is something the Board can approve now. Yes, Greg replied, it is on the agenda for action. **Tommy made a motion to approve payment to Fire Trucks Plus for the remaining amount owed on the two new fire trucks, in the amount of \$75,000 (this is to be paid upon receipt of the trucks); seconded by Ronda. All voted in favor.**

#7-PARKING LOT REPAIR AT PANACA FIRE STATION

Harry has an estimate for crack fill in the Panaca Fire Station parking lot in the amount of \$1,200. Ronda cautioned Harry that whoever does the fill must have a county business license and should be a licensed contractor. **Ronda made a motion to authorize the repair of the parking lot, not to exceed \$1,200; seconded by Ed. All voted in favor.**

#8- PUBLIC COMMENT

Paul called for public comment.

#9- ADJOURN

There being no further business for the Board to attend to, Paul adjourned the meeting at 10:32.

Attest: _____ Approve: _____